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Event to honor the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the camps and V-E Day.

ORANGE, Calif., April 18, 2005 Chapman University's Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education presents An Evening of Holocaust Remembrance commemorating the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the camps and V-E Day on Thursday, May 5.

The free event will feature a screening of the documentary *About Face: The Story of the Jewish Refugee Soldiers of WWII*. The feature-length documentary tells the remarkable yet previously untold story of thousands of young Jewish migrants who fled Germany and Austria in the early days of the Nazi regime only to perform an about face returning to Europe and North Africa to fight with British and American forces.

The event also will feature a musical tribute by Cantor Chayim Frenkel of the Kehillat Israel Reconstructionist Congregation of Pacific Palisades and a candle lighting ceremony and reflections by Rabbi Shelton Donnell of Temple Beth Shalom in Santa Ana. Concluding reflections will be given by Father Rafael Luevano, associate professor of religious studies at Chapman University and ecumenical and interreligious affairs officer for the Diocese of Orange.

The event, which is made possible through a generous donation by the Kenneth and Laura Honig Foundation, begins at 6:45 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Auditorium on the Chapman University campus in Orange.

Through Chapman's Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education, the university offers an academic minor, several lecture series and an annual art and writing contest. Holocaust education at Chapman is dedicated to preparing young people to become witnesses to the future, according to Marilyn Harran, Ph.D., holder of the Stern chair and founding director of the Rodgers Center. For more information, call (714) 628-7377.